

Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

Charging & Remissions Policy

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Introduction

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of activities, including clubs and trips can make towards a pupils' personal and social education.

The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and as additional optional activities.

Charges

The Governing Body reserves the right to make a charge towards the following costs:

- The cost of School Journeys in School Hours

Parents will be invited to contribute towards the cost of such trips. If sufficient funding is not forthcoming trips may have to be cancelled. Should this happen monies will be refunded to those who have contributed.

- Activities outside School Hours

The full cost to each pupil of activities deemed to be optional extras taking place outside school hours such as theatre trips and school discos.

- Materials & Equipment

The cost of purchase or hire of instruments, materials, equipment or clothing for activities, which take place outside school hours and which are purely voluntary and optional. (It remains the parent's responsibility to supply school uniform including PE kit). The Governing Body may charge for materials or require them to be provided if parents have indicated in advance that they wish to own any finished product produced in school e.g. Design Technology products.

- Music Tuition

Any costs associated with individual tuition in the playing of a musical instrument whether in or out of school hours.

- General

The cost of repairing damage and replacing equipment (lost, defaced or damaged) remains the responsibility of the parents when this damage or loss is the result of their child's behaviour or negligence.

The Governing Body may from time to time, amend the categories of activity for which a charge may be made.

Nothing in this policy statement precludes the Governing Body from inviting parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of providing education for pupils.

Remissions

The Governing Body may from time to time decide to remit all or part of the cost of activities involving particular pupils. This will be at the Governors' discretion. Authorisation of remission will be made by the Headteacher on behalf of the Governors. In other circumstances, there may be cases of family hardship, which make it difficult for pupils to take part in particular

activities for which a charge is made. When arranging a chargeable activity, the Governing Body will invite parents to apply in confidence for the remission of charges in part or in full. All parents, however, will have the right of appeal to the Governing Body, normally represented by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of Governors.

Pupil Premium

All students for whom the school qualifies for Pupil Premium Funding (i.e. those eligible for income-based free school meals any time in the last 6 years, or is a Child Looked After) are entitled to help with the cost of music lessons, clubs and uniform.

This Policy will be reviewed annually or more frequently where necessary.